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SUBJECT: PETROLEUM: ABU DHABI SALE OF PARTICIPATION CRUDE

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1. CIRILLO BROTHERS REP, HARRY FLEMING TELEPHONED ARP APRIL 17. SAID HE JUST TALKED WITH CIRILLO NEGOTIATORS IN ABU DHABI AND LEARNED THAT ONLY JAPANESE GROUP AND CIRILLO REMAINED IN CONTENTION FOR CRUDE SALES CONTRACT REPORTED REFTEL (B). CLAIMED BRAZILIANS AND OTHER US FIRMS HAD ALL DROPPED OUT AND THAT PRICE AND TERMS CIRILLO OFFER ACKNOWLEDGED BY ABU DHABI GOVERNMENT (ADG) NEGOTIATORS AS BEST RECEIVED. AGREEMENT ON DEAL WAS EXPECTED APRIL 17.

2. HOWEVER, FLEMING CONTINUED, PAST 24 HOURS HAD SEEN ADG HESITATE AND EXPECTED AWARD TO CIRILLO HAD NOT RPT NOT BEEN MADE. ANY DELAY, CIRILLO FEELS, NOW WORKS TO JAPANESE ADVANTAGE. FLEMING ASKED IF DEPARTMENT COULD TAKE INITIATIVE IN INFORMING ADG THAT AWARD TO US FIRM WOULD BE CONSIDERED VERY FRIENDLY ACT. WE TOLD FLEMING WE HAD INDICATED

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CATION AUARD WOULD IN FACT GO TO US FIRM- BASED ON HIGH-
LEVEL ADG POLITICAL AS WELL AS ECONOMIC CONSIDERATIONS.

3. WE ASSURED FLEMING THAT EMBASSY ABU DHABI WOULD STRESS
TO ADG DEPARTMENT' S VIEW, EXPRESSED IN REFTEL (C),
THAT CIRILLO WAS KNOWN ANTE WILL BE REQUIRED TO MAKE TO
THE UNITED NATIONS BUDGET. END QUOTE

3. MONGOLIAN INTERVENTION PROMPTED STATEMENTS
FAVORABLE TO THE INSCRIPTION OF THE ITEM BY REPS OF POLAND,
FRANCE, MADAGASCAR, PHILIPPINES, INDONESIA, NEW ZEALAND,
USSR, UK, MALAYSIA, ARGENTINA, INDIA AND YUGOSLAVIA. CHINESE
AND PAKISTANI REPS EXPRESSED OBJECTIONS. CHINESE REP SAID
HE OPPOSED IN THE PRESENT CIRCUMSTANCES TO THE
INCLUSION ON THE AGENDA OF THE BANGLADESH ITEM. HE SAID
THAT THE CHINESE DELEGATION HOLDS THAT THE UN AND ITS
RELATED BODIES SHOULD NOT ADMIT BANGLADESH AS A
MEMBER PENDING IMPLEMENTATION OF RELEVANT SECURITY COUNCIL
AND GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTIONS AND THE REACHING OF
REASONABLE SOLUTIONS TO THE PROBLEMS BETWEEN INDIA AND
PAKISTAN AND BETWEEN PAKISTAN AND BANGLADESH. HE ADDED
THAT THIS POSITION DOES NOT MEAN THAT CHINA IS
OPPOSED TO EAST BENGAL MEMBERSHIP BUT REPRESENTED
HIS DELEGATIONS MANNER OF DEFENDING THE UN CHARTER,
PROMOTING RAPPROACHMENT BETWEEN MEMBERS AND PROMOTING
THE RELAXATION OF TENSIONS.

4. THE PAKISTANI REP, IN PRELIMINARY COMMENTS, SAID
THAT HE WAS NOT OPPOSED TO THE ENTRY OF BANGLADESH
INTO THE UN, BUT FELT THAT THAT ENTRY SHOULD BE
ACCOMPLISHED IN CONFORMITY WITH THE UN CHARTER PRINCIPLES,
AND THE LEGAL OBLIGATION OF THE CHARTER. HE SAID THAT
VARIOUS OBLIGATIONS ARISING FROM UN RESOLUTIONS REMAINED
TO BE IMPLEMENTED, PARTICULARLY IN THE HUMANITARIAN
AREAS, AND THAT CONSEQUENTLY HIS DELEGATION WAS CONSTRAINED
TO STATE ITS OPPOSITION TO THE MONGOLIAN PROPOSAL.

5. CERTAIN OF THE INTERVENING DELEGATIONS EXPRESSED
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THE HOPE THAT THE ITEM SHOULD BE DEALT WITH URGENTLY SO
THAT BANGLADESH COULD PARTICIPATE IN THE PRESENT ECAFE
SESSION. FINALLY, THE ITEM WAS INSCRIBED WITHOUT VOTE,
TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THE RESERVATIONS EXPRESSED BY THE

TWO DELEGATIONS.

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